

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Richard Arthur BICKERS et al. :  
Serial No. Not yet assigned : Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
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For: CENTRALISED DATA POSITION INFORMATION STORAGE SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said logical data comprises:

records and filemarks; wherein said centralised storage area is configured to store data position information relating to said records and said filemarks in a data table.

**REMARKS**

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependencies of claim 3, and avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Marked-Up Version Showing Changes".